

PUBLIC NOTICE OF PROPOSED ACTION

The Administrator, Division of Environmental Protection, Carson City, Nevada is issuing the following notice of proposed action under the Nevada Revised Statutes. The Administrator has received an application for renewal of discharge permit #NEV96007 from the following applicant:

Alcoa Micromill
1400 Waltham Way
McCarran, NV 89434

The applicant operates an aluminum rolling mill research and development facility located in the Tahoe-Reno Industrial Center in Storey County, Nevada. The Alcoa Facility generates non-contact process wastewater from cooling tower blowdown, evaporative cooler blowdown and reverse osmosis concentrate streams. The facility is permitted to discharge up to 30,000 gallons per day of non-contact process wastewater on-site for irrigation of trees. Monitoring is required to ensure that the groundwater is not impacted from irrigation. The Division has made the tentative determination to issue (renew) discharge permit #NEV96007 for a period of five (5) years.

Persons wishing to comment upon or object to the proposed determinations by the Administrator regarding permit issuance, or request a hearing pursuant to the Nevada Administrative Code, Water Pollution Control, should submit their comments or request, in writing, within thirty (30) days of the date of newspaper publication, hand-delivered or postmarked no later than 5:00 P.M. on November 3, 2003, either in person or by mail to:

Department of Conservation and Natural Resources
Division of Environmental Protection
Bureau of Water Pollution Control
333 West Nye Lane
Carson City, Nevada 89706-0851

The request must be filed within the comment period and must indicate the interest of the person filing the request and the reasons why a hearing is warranted. All comments or objections received within the thirty (30) day period will be considered in the formulation of final determinations regarding the application. If written comments indicate a significant degree of public interest in the proposed permit, the Administrator shall hold a public hearing. A public notice of such hearing will be issued not less than thirty (30) days prior to the hearing date.

If no hearing is held and the determinations of the Administrator are substantially changed from the tentative determinations, the Administrator will give public notice of the revised determinations. Additional comments and objections will be considered at that time. The application, proposed permit, comments received, and other information are on file and may be copied or copies may be obtained by writing to the above address or by calling Mark A. Kaminski, P.E., Bureau of Water Pollution Control at (775) 687-9424 (e-mail: mkaminsk@ndep.nv.gov). The office fax number is (775) 687-4684. For further information, the interested reader can view a copy of this facility's Fact Sheet at the following website address: <http://ndep.nv.gov/admin/public.htm>